

# Hopkinton Webster Landfill Committee meeting

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Present: Karen Irwin, chair, Bob LaPree, Stretch Kennedy, Rich Houston, Hopkinton alternate, Barbara Corliss, Bob Drown, Sally Embley, Webster alternate.

Public: Frank Davis

July 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes approved

Pay by Bag Committee report: Bob LaPree reported that the Board of Selectmen approved the bag price at \$1.25/\$0.75 with a start date of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and intend to enforce the present rules regarding car stickers at the transfer station. General discussion on other aspects of the PbB program. Members want to know why commercial hauler tipping rates are not the full amount of the Waste Management contracted tipping and shipping price and overhead, want the subject on the next agenda to be clarified by Steve Clough.

Barbara Corliss reported on her research into having a private operator run the swap shop similar to the method used in Bedford. After general discussion she said she would observe the operations of Henniker and Warner and report on their swap shop operations. In anticipation of a swap shop structure being built, Stretch moved and was seconded by Bob Drown that Steve Clough dig and install conduit for future electric and telephone service to the swap shop building and other structure expansion. Passed, unanimous. This is in anticipation of his stated plans to repave the area where the swap shop is expected to be located.

Committee members did not support the BOS intention to use recycling revolving funds to cover the cost of pay bags and other expenditures related to PbB anticipating that the fund could be depleted, leaving no funds to build the swap shop.

Bob LaPree initiated a brief discussion of the advantages of single stream recycling as a means of simplifying resident's recycling requirements, substantially increasing participation and reducing the overhead costs of handling and processing separated recyclables.

**Public Comment:** Frank Davis stated he did not think the total cost of the transfer station operation should be covered by the cost of the PbB bags.

Next meeting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Webster – requested agenda items: Commercial tonnage figures for 2009 and 2010. Tipping, shipping and overhead costs regarding fees charged for dumpster trash loads from private haulers.

Adjourned at 9:05pm

Submitted by Bob LaPree

